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 App. No : 10/628,079  
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 For : COMPRESSIBLE FIXATION  
 APPARATUS FOR SPINAL  
 SURGERY  
 Examiner : P. Pilogene  
 Art Unit : 3773

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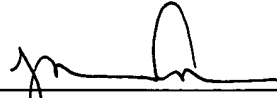
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced patent application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.